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- 1. The net set up by Fig Team, although small when thinking in terms of overthrowing the present government, is nevertheless important. If we note the villages that this small force inhabitates, we find that the farthest away, Mocan, is approximately 13 miles from Korca. Thus, the area covered by Fig Tree's net is within easy reach of Korca.
- 2. Fig Tree feels confident that the leaders of the net reported in first reference can be called upon for overt action at any time. As to whether the leaders can be trusted, we can only say that as reported by the team these leaders are friendly toward the Hoxha Government only because of necessity. The leaders housed and fed the team throughout the duration of its mission. If the loyalty of Fig's contacts were questionable, numerous opportunities existed for them to make Fig Team's presence known to the government.
- 3. Fig Team, with one operation under its belt, should prove to be of value during 1953. The performance of the team on its aborted attempt at infiltration and the subsequent results of its activity within the country leads BGFIEND to feel that Fig's operation for 1953 will be very successful.
- 4. Fig Team is being supported on the Greek economy during the winter months and will be ready for operations this spring. Some additional training will be required by Fig which will be dependent upon the type of activity they are to carry out.
- 5. In conclusion, BGFIEND was satisfied with the performance of the team, the information gathered and the established net.

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